

# Science on the Shore

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## The Nature Conservancy's Virginia Coast Reserve

Featuring a free\* presentation by Jim McGowan, Land Protection Manager

**When:** Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 5:00 pm

**Where:** Bateman Educational and Administrative Center  
8231 Beach Road, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336

The Virginia Coast Reserve (VCR) is a flagship program of The Nature Conservancy. The Conservancy began protecting land - barrier islands, salt marsh, upland forest - on the Eastern Shore of Virginia nearly 50 years ago. Today, the VCR continues to protect land, as well as engage in marine restoration (oysters, eelgrass, and bay scallops), shore and water bird management, and education and outreach with the local community. Jim will discuss TNC's work at the VCR with a special focus on his area of expertise, land protection.

\*This presentation is free and open to the public, however park entrance fees still apply.

For entrance fee information visit [www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/visit/fees.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/visit/fees.html)

Helpful tip: NASA's Astronomy and Night Sky Summer Series will be held at the same location at 7:30 pm. With a bit of planning, one entrance fee could cover two events and a whole evening of education!



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